



Application No. 09/896,224  
Amendment dated September 8, 2003  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BRUCE E. REYNOLDS

Serial No. 09/896,224

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: CRUDE OIL DESULFURIZATION

GROUP ART UNIT 1764

EXAMINER: W. D. GRIFFIN

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Response to the Office Action (Paper No. 3) mailed March 6, 2003.

**Petition for Extension of Time Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).** Applicants hereby submit their Petition for a three (3) month extension of time and

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademark, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on this date September 8, 2003.

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Date: September 8, 2003

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authorize the Office to charge the necessary fee due under 37 CFR §1.17(a) to deposit account 03-1620. In the event any additional extension of time is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extension of time is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to said deposit account.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.